

TO: Federal Communications Commission
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RE: RM-10786 and RM=10787

I respectfully request that the Commission consider the following proposal as a responsible, reasonable compromise, which addresses the needs of both the pro- and con-CW factions. I also implore that the Commission act expeditiously so that the growing rift between amateur licensees can be settled and the Amateur Radio Service can move ahead once and for all.

- (1) Retain Element 1 to qualify for the Extra Class license;
- (2) Replace Element 1 with additional content on Elements 2 and 3, thereby ensuring a high level of standards for entry and, ultimately, full participation in the Amateur Radio Service. Simply dropping one requirement (Element 1) without adopting a corresponding increase in the rigor of the written exams does nothing but add validity to the argument that our examination system is being "dumbed-down";
- (3) Maintain an exclusive CW-subband for Extra Class operators; and
- (4) Consider classifying subbands by "bandwidth" rather than "mode."

This proposal addresses the needs of all amateur licenses, regardless of their personal affinity with CW or other similar mode. It is clear to me that a compromise can be achieved, as opposed to the "all or none" attitude of petitioners NCI and NCVEC.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this matter.

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